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SUBJECT: RUTH RUSS, wa:
Mrs. Philip W. Russ
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X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME RUTH RUSS

ALIASES Mrs. Philip W. Russ

NATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED ALIEN

COMMUNIST X SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify)

TAB FOR DETCOM TAB FOR COMSAB RACE White SEX Female

DATE OF BIRTH Unknown PLACE OF BIRTH New York City (not verified)

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) Unknown

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)

None

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 102 West 85th Street, New York City

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TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, New York (100-75504)

DATE: 10/8/53

SUBJECT: RUTH RUSS, wa;
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NEW YORK DIVISION

Background

The records of the NYC Board of Elections indicate that RUTH RUSS was 45 years of age during May, 1943. The subject is married to one PHILIP W. RUSS who resides with the subject at 102 West 85th Street, New York City. The subject's employment is unknown.

CP Activities

A review of the references of the New York Office indicates that the subject has been thought to be a member of the CPA during 1944. She has been identified as having been employed by the Russian War Relief during 1941, the National Council for American Soviet Friendship from 1944 to 1950 and for the Compass Clubs of America during 1952. RUSS was secretary of the NFCL during 1941 and is an acquaintance of JESSICA SMITH, Editor of "Soviet Russia Today."

The subject subscribed to the "New World Review" in 1953 and was active in the Womens Committee, NCASF from 1944 through 1950. The subject's superior at the NCASF has been reported to be a Communist as well as President of the CAW. The subject during 1949 was on the Committee of Resolutions, CAW and during 1951 was a requested speaker for the CRC. The subject was a contact during February, 1952 of NAT ROSS, Executive Director of the NY CRC. The subject supported the ALP during 1951.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 10/9/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/3,7-10,13-15/52; 4/21-24; 5/20,22,25,27/52; 29; 6/1,2,16/53	REPORT MADE BY HUGH J. SMITH
TITLE RUTH RUSS, wa; Mrs. Philip W. Russ		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

SUMMARY REPORT

Synopsis of facts:

RUTH RUSS resides 102 West 85th St., NYC. Present employment unknown. RUSS thought to be member of Communist Political Association in 1944. Reliable informants advise RUSS employed by Russian War Relief 1941, National Council for American Soviet Friendship 1944 through 1950 and for the Compass Clubs of America in 1952; RUSS was Secretary of National Federation of Constitutional Liberties in 1941; Confidential Informant advises RUSS is acquaintance of JESSICA SMITH, Editor of "Soviet Russia Today;" RUSS subscribed to New World Review in 1953; RUSS very active in the Women's Committee, National Council for American Soviet Friendship from 1944 through 1950; MURIEL DRAPER, subject's immediate superior at NCASF reported to be Communist as well as president of the Congress of American Women; subject on Committee of Resolutions, Congress of American Women in NYC in 1949; RUSS requested speaker from the CRC in February 1951 for "purposes of organization" in her area; RUTH RUSS reportedly had lunch with one NAT ROSS, Executive Directory of NY Civil Rights Congress in February 1952. RUSS supported ALP in 1951.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information furnished by T-1, of known reliability, who advised in December 1944 that RUTH RUSS, 102 West 85th Street, New York, New York, was an associate of one LILLIE BERGMAN, an admitted member of the Communist Political Association in 1944. T-1

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advised that RUTH RUSS was probably a member of the Communist Political Association in 1944.

It will be noted that the Communist Political Association, after assuming that name on May 20 to 23, 1944, the party for strategic reasons resumed the name of Communist Party of the United States on July 26-28, 1945. The foregoing is from the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 209, April 1, 1947, page 29.

The Communist Party and the Communist Political Association have been cited by the Attorney General as organizations within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

BACKGROUND

Birth and Citizenship

SUMMARY
The records of the Board of Elections, Borough of Manhattan, as checked by SE CLINTON E. POLLOCK in May 1953 reflected that ~~RUTH RUSS~~, 102 West 85th Street, New York, New York, is 45 years of age and has resided 45 years in New York County.

Marital Status

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York as checked by SE RICHARD F. O'HARA in October 1952 reflect that RUTH RUSS, 102 West 85th Street, New York, New York, is the wife of PHILIP W. ~~RUSS~~ of the same address. These records reflect that PHILIP is employed by the Jewish Welfare Board, 145 East 32nd Street, New York, New York.

Employment

A credit report dated October 8, 1941, prepared by the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as checked by SE RICHARD F. O'HARA reflected that RUTH RUSS was employed by the Russian War Relief, 535 Fifth Avenue, New York City in 1941 and was Regional Supervising Secretary in the New York office.

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T-3, T-5, T-7, T-8, T-10, T-12, all of known reliability, advised that RUTH RUSS spent a great deal of her time at the National Council for American Soviet Friendship in the years 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948 and 1950.

T-18, of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to furnish accurate information concerning the subject's employment advised in November 1952 that RUTH RUSS was employed by the Compass Clubs of America, National Headquarters, 255 West 34th Street, New York, New York, in November 1952.

Residences

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York as checked by SE RICHARD F. O'HARA reflected the following residences for RUTH RUSS:

-300 West 12th Street
New York, New York

350 West 12th Street
New York, New York

260 West 12th Street
New York, New York

Mr. FRITZ JOHNSON, Superintendent, ^{N.Y.} 102 West 85th Street, New York, New York, advised in October 1952 that his records reflect that PHILIP and RUTH RUSS have resided at this address since December 1942. JOHNSON has been superintendent at this address for only a few months and that the former superintendent one WILLIAM NOLRYD has moved out of the city. Mr. JACOB TWRKEL, owner of 102 West 85th Street, New York, New York, advised in October 1952 that he has owned the premises for about two years and knows very little about the RUSS family.

Mr. HARRY SMITH, night man at 102 West 85th Street, New York, New York, advised in October 1952 that the RUSSES

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are quiet people who mind their own business, and that he knows nothing about the employment or background of PHILIP or RUTH RUSS, but that RUTH RUSS leaves the building at about the same hour each morning and it is his opinion that she is gainfully employed.

CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OR COMMUNIST PARTY FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

National Federation of Constitutional Liberties

T-2, of known reliability, advised in 1941 that a RUTH RUSS was Secretary of the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties in 1941.

The National Federation of Constitutional Liberties is an organization designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

Communist Political Association

As previously noted in this report, T-1, of known reliability, advised in 1944 that RUTH RUSS, 102 West 85th Street, New York, New York, was an associate of one LILLIE BERGMAN, an admitted member of the Communist Political Association in 1944. T-1 also advised that he viewed a document which indicated possible membership by RUTH RUSS in the Communist Political Association in 1944.

T-6, of known reliability, advised in July 1945 that RUTH RUSS was a contact of NINA ROBINSON, 331 West 70th Street, New York, New York in 1945. ROBINSON was incumbent chairman of a Thomas Jefferson Club, Communist Political Association, at this time. T-6 stated that he had reason to believe that RUTH RUSS was also a member of the Thomas Jefferson Social Club at this time.

Soviet Russia Today

T-3, of known reliability, advised on October 25, 1944 that RUTH RUSS of the National Council for American Soviet Friendship held a conference with one JESSICA SMITH, of "Soviet Russia Today." n/y.

It will be noted that the National Council for American Soviet Friendship has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

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Concerning "Soviet Russia Today," it was cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, Page 167 as a Communist Front Organization and was cited by a Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report Number 1953, on the Congress of American Women, April 26, 1950, Page 108, originally released October 23, 1949, as a Communist Front Publication.

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Concerning JESSICA SMITH, T-4, of known reliability, advised that JESSICA SMITH was a trusted Communist and her specific assignment is to extend the influence of pro-Sovietism in the United States among as many public figures and agencies of public opinion as possible.

N.Y.
T-7, of known reliability, advised in October 1945 that one NATASHA ~~TAKCE~~, Assistant Editor of "Soviet Russia Today" contacted RUTH RUSS, in October 1945, Executive Secretary of the Committee of Women, National Council of American Soviet Friendship, for information about one ~~EUNICE FULLER~~ *N.Y.* ~~BERNARD~~, of the Sloane Foundation.

T-7 advised that TAKCE also requested RUSS to furnish her with the names of the ten leading women's organizations in the United States.

T-7 advised on February 13, 1946 that RUSS held a conference with JESSICA SMITH, Editor of "Soviet Russia Today". RUSS considered Mrs. HARRY TRUMAN'S alleged tacit support of the Daughters of the American Revolution in excluding entertainer HAZEL SCOTT from Constitution Hall in Washington, D. C. as a slap in the face to the Soviet Union.

T-20, of known reliability, advised in April 1953 that RUSS subscribed to the "New World Review," 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York, in 1953 and contacted JESSICA SMITH, Editor of the New World Review in regard to her subscription for 1953.

T-9, of known reliability, advised in January 1951 that the publication "Soviet Russia Today" would charge its name to the "New World Review" but the purpose of the publication and its officers would remain the same, and would be published by SRT Publications, Incorporated.

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National Council For American Soviet Friendship

T-3 advised on November 20, 1944 that one ~~EUGENE~~ GORDON of the "Daily Worker" conferred with RUTH RUSS, Secretary of the National Council For American Soviet Friendship (NCASF). GORDON advised RUSS that the "Daily Worker" was interested in a case where some white men allegedly raped a negro girl in Alabama and that the "Daily Worker" was going to print the facts. N.Y.
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The "Daily Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

T-5, of known reliability, advised in March 1945 that a meeting of a Forum of the Committee of Women, NCASF was held at the Hotel Barbizon Plaza, New York, New York, on February 28, 1945. RUTH RUSS, Executive Secretary of the Women's Committee was in attendance and advised that pamphlets on child care in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics could be purchased after the meeting.

T-8, of known reliability, advised on January 23, 1946 that RUTH RUSS, Secretary of the Committee of Women, NCASF and MURIEL DRAPER, Chairman of the New York Committee of Women, NCASF, concerned themselves with the contemplated organizational activity of a Miss FASTOV of NCASF in the Boston area.

d.f. T-8 advised on March 22, 1946 that RUTH RUSS of the Cultural Committee NCASF and ~~MURIEL~~ DRAPER, Chairman of the Committee of Women, weighed the possibility of DRAPER resigning her present position to take the position of General Secretary of the NCASF. DRAPER indicated that nothing is done in the NCASF that she, DRAPER, does not initiate. N.Y.
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T-8 advised that DRAPER and RUSS on March 6, 1946 considered the arrangements to be made for a presentation to the Soviet Women's Anti-Facist Committee on the occasion of Women's International Day.

T-4 advised that MURIEL DRAPER is a member of the Communist Party.

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T-9, of known reliability, advised on March 1, 1950 that MURIEL DRAPER is President of the Congress of American Women, which organization has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

N.Y.
T-10, of known reliability, advised in May 1946 that RUTH RUSS attended a dinner and conference marking the opening of the New Jersey office of NCASF on May 5, 1946. RUSS was seated at the speaker's table and was introduced by RICHARD M. MORFORD, Executive Director of NCASF. RUSS gave a short talk on the work of the Women's Committee in sponsoring letter writing between people of similar professions in the USSR and the United States.

T-8 advised in July 1946 that RUTH RUSS, Executive Secretary of the Women's Committee, NCASF, had been in Gary, Indiana and Indianapolis, Indiana, attempting to start new councils.

T-12, of known reliability, advised in February 1947, that RUTH RUSS was still active as Executive Secretary of the Women's Committee, NCASF.

N.Y.
T-8 advised in February 1947 that RUTH RUSS of NCASF contacted one WILLIAM S. GAILMOR twice in February 1946 in connection with her official duties with NCASF.

Concerning WILLIAM GAILMOR, a booklet entitled "Red Channels" published in 1950 by American Business Consultants, 55 West 42nd Street, New York, New York, which is a report of Communist influence in radio and television, was reported as a Communist Party member in sworn testimony at United States Senate Hearings on S. 1832, Part 2, Page 532.

T-8 advised in April 1947 that RUTH RUSS of NCASF, Committee of Women, had discussion with MURIEL DRAPER concerning a dinner given by the American Society for Cultural Relations with Italy (ASCRI).

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Concerning the American Society for Cultural Relations with Italy, the "New York Journal American" reported on April 9, 1947 that the ASCRI had a "Top heavy list of pro-Communists and one former Italian Fascist among the members and officers."

T-8 advised in May 1947 that MURIEL DRAPER and RUTH RUSS of NCASF were happy about the fact that the NCASF made \$12,497 at a recent bazaar. DRAPER told RUSS that she, RUSS, would be given other duties in addition to those she already has as Executive Secretary of the Committee of Women.

T-8 advised on April 4, 1948 that RUTH RUSS told RICHARD MORFORD, Executive Director of NCASF, that the Spring Festival Bazaar was proceeding in a very gratifying manner.

T-8 advised on April 14, 1948 that RUTH RUSS of NCASF told RICHARD MORFORD that she was urging representatives of various union groups to take active part in the movement against the motion picture, "The Iron Curtain."

T-12 advised in March 1949 that RUSS was contacted in her official capacity at NCASF by one LILLIAN RECHT in March 1949, former member of Congress of American Women, and who is believed to be the wife of one CHARLES RECHT, an attorney who has performed legal work for the Soviet Consulate in New York City. The records of the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice reflect that CHARLES RECHT is a registered attorney for the Soviet Embassy.

T-13, who is of known reliability, advised in 1939 that RECHT is a concealed member of the Communist Party and is allegedly the "Top man" of the entire Communist movement in the United States.

T-8 advised in April 1949 that one DOROTHY GOTTLIEB, 1412 West Seventh Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, contacted RUTH RUSS in April 1949 requesting material for the Women's Panel at the World Peace Congress in Paris in 1949.

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Concerning the World Peace Congress, an article in "The New York Times" issue of April 21, 1949, LANSING WARREN reported that the World Congress for Peace, then being held in Paris "became a drive against the United States and the Atlantic Pact and for peace with the Soviet Union at any price."

T-14, of known reliability, advised in May 1951 that he attended the World Peace Congress in Paris in April 1949 and that these congresses were sponsored by the World Peace Congress which is an instrument of Soviet foreign policy.

T-16, of known reliability, advised in June 1950, that RUTH RUSS was still active with NCASF in February 1950.

Congress of American Women

T-15, of known reliability, advised in May 1949 that RUTH RUSS was on the Committee of Resolutions, Congress of American Women.

The Congress of American Women has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Civil Rights Congress

T-17, of known reliability, advised in February 1951 that a RUTH RUSS requested ELAINE ROSS of the New York State Civil Rights Congress, supply a speaker for February 20, 1951, 8:45 PM at the home of one NETTIE ZIMMERMAN, 157 West 74th Street, New York City. RUSS said the meeting was for the purpose of organizing in "our area."

ROSS suggested that RUSS, with other people on the west side near 110th Street, to see how they hold their meetings.

In regard to the New York State Civil Rights Congress, the Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

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T-17 advised in February 1952 that one RUTH RUSS of the "Compass" understood that one NAT ROSS decided to have lunch with her, and she subsequently scheduled a luncheon engagement for him.

N.Y.
In regard to NAT ROSS, T-9, of known reliability, advised that NAT ROSS is the New York State Executive Director of the Civil Rights Congress.

MR & MRS

Compass Clubs of America and American Labor Party

~~T-18~~, of unknown reliability, but who was in a position to have knowledge of the subject's activities, advised in November 1952 that RUTH RUSS was with the Compass Clubs of America.

Concerning the Compass Clubs, T-19, of known reliability, advised in November 1952, that the Compass Clubs of America in the New York City area, particularly in the Bronx, New York, area were formed with the leadership of Communist Party members, with the approval of higher committees within the Communist Party. T-19 further stated frequently Compass Club meetings were in actuality Communist Party meetings.

The records of the Board of Elections, Borough of Manhattan, as checked by SE CLINTON E. POLLOCK in May 1953 reflected that one RUTH RUSS, 102 West 85th Street, New York, New York, in 1951 indicated her intention to support the American Labor Party in the next general election.

Concerning the American Labor Party, it was cited as a Communist front by a Special Committee of the House Un-American Activities Committee in a report dated March 29, 1944, Pages 49, 77F, 153 and 189.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD

SA AUGUST J. MICEK caused a check to be made of the records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, Bureau of Special Services and Investigations, New York City Police

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Department in October 1952, and no record was located for the subject.

MISCELLANEOUS

T-21, T-22, T-23, T-24, T-25, T-26, T-27, T-19, all of known reliability, who have some knowledge of general Communist activity in the New York City area were contacted in October 1952 and were unable to furnish information concerning the subject.

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INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom furnished	File # Where Located
T-1, Trash cover on Apt. 2C, 109 W. 84th Street, NYC, of LILLIE BERGMAN - BERGMAN was interviewed by SA ROBERT C. DAVIES, 1/16/45.	12/12/44, 3x5 card bearing 10 names and addresses, 7 of which had "C.P.A." after them. Subject was one of the seven.	12/12/44	SA ROBERT C. DAVIES	101-639-1A-4
T-2, Letterhead of National Federation of Constitutional Liberties	1941, name of RUTH RUSS appeared on letterhead of National Federation of Constitutional Liberties	1941	1941	Letterhead index Communist library NYO of FBI
T-3, [REDACTED] FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	10/25/44 11/20/44	10/25/44 11/20/44		
T-4, LOUIS BUDENZ	Used to document associates.			
T-5, [REDACTED]	2/28/45, meeting of Committee of Women N.C.A.S.P. July 1945	3/13/45	SA ROBERT BROWNELL	Instant report
T-6, Trash cover at home of NINA ROBINSON, 331 W. 70th St., NYC	List of names & addressed. Memo attached to the list from recording Secretary A.E.O. MUNSELL had statement: "Why not check all those, who should not have their names given out on <u>Tues. eve</u> and mail back to me by return mail?"	7/19/45	SA JOHN A. HANLEY from supt. of the premises HERBERT MAYS	100-26603-C59 p.4

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T-7 [redacted]	10/10/45 2/13/46	10/10/45 2/13/46		
T-8 [redacted]	1/23/46 3/22/46 3/6/46 7/16/46 2/6/47 2/8/47 4/18/47 5/15/47 4/4/48 4/14/48 4/13/49	1/23/46 3/22/46 3/6/46 7/16/46 2/6/47 2/8/47 4/18/47 5/15/47 4/4/48 4/14/48 4/13/49		
T-9 [redacted]	used to document associate and organization			
T-10 [redacted]	meeting 5/5/46	5/15/46	FRANK M. RAISBECK	[redacted]
T-11 not utilized				
T-12 [redacted]	2/26/47	2/26/47		
T-13 JOSEPH ALIEN in a signed statement	used to document the husband of an associate			

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T-14, O. JOHN ROGGE, 341 Broadway, NYC, former prominent member of World Congress of Defender of Peace	Used to document an organization.			
T-15, LOUISE PAGE MORRIS, formerly resided 121 Madison Avenue, NYC, member of Executive Affairs Committee C.A.W.	5/12/49	5/12/49	Probably to 100-80444- writer of 371 p. 11 report, orllay	
T-16, [REDACTED] FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	2/14/50 Letter from RUTH RUSS on NCASF stationery to STELLA ALLEN, Congress of American Women, 2 E. 32nd St., NYC	6/16/50	SA JOSEPH P. MC CANN	100-80444- 544
T-17, [REDACTED]	2/5/51, statement of subject	2/5/51	SA DAVID P. ADAMS	Instant report
	2/7/52	2/7/52	SE ROBERT O'TOOLE	Instant report

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T-18, Pretext phone call to Compass Clubs of America, Nat'l Offices, 255 W. 34th Street, NYC	Employment information	November, 1952	SA HUGH J. SMITH	Instant report
T-19, [REDACTED]	Used to document organization.			
	Negative	10/7/52	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	Instant report
T-20, [REDACTED]	4/8/53, sub- scription blank to New World Review - note to JESSICA SMITH, Editor written upon it by RUTH RUSS	4/20/53	SA THOMAS J. FEEHELEY & SE KIERAN F. BUCKLEY	100-75504-7
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)				
T-21, [REDACTED]	Negative	10/10/52	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON	Instant report
T-22, [REDACTED]	Negative	10/10/52	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON	Instant report
T-23, NY-694-S	Negative	10/10/52	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON	Instant report
T-24, [REDACTED]	Negative	10/10/52	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON	Instant report
T-25, [REDACTED]	Negative	10/7/52	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER	Instant report
T-26, [REDACTED]	Negative	10/7/52	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER	Instant report

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T-27, FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	Negative	10/7/52	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	Instant report

LEADS:

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will attempt to obtain further background information on subject through interview with neighbors.

Will await the decision of the Bureau with respect to the recommendation contained in form FD-122.

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T-8, [REDACTED]	1/23/46	1/23/46		
	3/22/46	3/22/46		
	3/6/46	3/6/46		
	7/16/46	7/16/46		
	2/6/47	2/6/47		
	2/8/47	2/8/47		
	4/18/47	4/18/47		
	5/15/47	5/15/47		
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	4/4/48	4/4/48		
	4/14/48	4/14/48		
	4/13/49	4/13/49		
T-9, [REDACTED]	Used to document associate and organization.			
T-10, [REDACTED]	5/5/46, Attended NCASF dinner and conference in Newark, NJ			Awaiting documentation from Newark
T-11, Not utilized				
T-12, [REDACTED]	2/26/47	2/26/47		
	3/29/49	3/29/49		
T-13, JOSEPH KLIEN in a signed statement	Used to document the husband of an associate.			

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1/11/54 (5-12-52)

Date _____, 19__

Memo To: Director, FBI

SAC _____ Title: RUTH RUSS, wa
 ASAC _____ SM - C
 Supervisor _____
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 Chief Clerk _____
 Special Employee _____ File No. 100-75504

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 Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention.

Re report of SA HUGH J. SMITH, 10/9/53
 at NY.

Attached are copies of amended page of
 above report.

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L. J. P. S. *INT. SEC.*
 NEW YORK

S.A.C. _____
 Office _____

(In intra office use return this with notation as to
 action taken or explanation.) ~~RECEIVED~~

Concurrence

SAC, New York (100-75504)

October 27, 1953

Director, FBI. (100-405511)-3

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~~Rerep of Special Agent Hugh J. Smith dated October 9, 1953, urlet dated October 8, 1953, urlet and Form FD-122 dated October 9, 1953.~~

You should also establish the date and place of her birth.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject believed to be member of CPA 1944-1945. During years of 1941-1952 she was extremely active in numerous Communist fronts.

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Ladd _____
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TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, New York (100-75504)
 SUBJECT: RUTH RUSS
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DATE: OCT 9 1953

Enclosed herewith are five copies of the report of SA HUGH J. SMITH, dated OCT 9 1953 at New York.

The following is information concerning the subject, from the files of the NYO, which was not reported in above mentioned report:

[redacted] advised that on 1/3/46, RUTH RUSS, Secretary of Women's Committee NCASF told ALEXANDRA ALIKHACHKINA, employee of Soviet Consulate, NYC, that a women's club in Raleigh, N.C. desired a speaker on Russia for an event they were planning.

[redacted] advised that on 2/21/46, RUTH RUSS of NCASF discussed the possibility of having a dinner at the Consulate inviting several prominent women, among them Mrs. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. This discussion was with PAVEL IVANOVICH FEDOSIMOV, Vice-Consul, USSR Embassy, NYC. [redacted] reported two other contacts with FEDOSIMOV in 1946. Russia

[redacted] reported that on April 9, 1947 the secretary of RUTH RUSS advised FEDOSIMOV that RUSS would be at the Consulate the following day at 2:00 P.M. to get information from FEDOSIMOV for a friend of hers who desires a job at the SOVFLOT.

[redacted] advised that on 6/12/47, one SANGA STARR told FEDOSIMOV that RUTH RUSS of NCASF has written the Consulate concerning her (STARR).

In connection with the investigation entitled, "LIONEL CANTON PERERA, JR.; DOROTHY BIDDLE PERERA - ESPIONAGE - R," NY file 100-93836, [redacted] advised that on 4/22/49 RUTH RUSS contacted DOROTHY PERERA in regard to using DOROTHY'S home for a fund raising delegation, funds to be used to help MURIEL DRAPER.

[redacted] in report of SA CHARLES W. PEASINGER, WFO dated 3/9/49, advised that SERGEI ROMANOVICH STRIGANOV, of the USSR Embassy, gave a cigarette box as a Christmas gift to RUTH and PHILIP RUSS, 102 West 85th Street, NYC, WFO file 100-18851. Russian

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[redacted] in report of SA CHARLES W. PEASINGER, WFO, dated 5/13/49, advised that RUSS contacted STRIGANOV to thank him for being a guest at a luncheon of her organization in NY.

[redacted] advised in October 1949 that one HARRY MARINSKY of South Norwalk, Conn. was in contact with VASILY O. MAKAROV, 3rd Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. *Russia* MARINSKY was in contact with the above at the suggestion of MURIEL DRAPER and RUTH RUSS of the NCASF. The purpose was for MARINSKY to furnish some of his work to be exhibited by the Joint Anti-Facist Refugee Committee, 192 Lexington Ave., NYC.

[redacted] in the report of SA CHARLES W. PEASINGER, WFO, dated 2/10/50, advised that VASILY GEORGIEVICH MAKAROV, Cultural Attache, USSR Embassy, made the acquaintance of RUTH RUSS, NCASF, while he was in NYC in November 1949. *Russian R.C. n.y.*

[redacted] advised SA JOHN S. Mc COOL in February 1950, that VLADIMIR HOWDEK, Czechoslovakian Delegate to the United Nations, contacted RUTH RUSS of NCASF on 2/23/50 concerning a dinner to be held by the NCASF. *dech. n.y.*

WFO confidential informant [redacted] advised in April 1950 that through VASILY MAKAROV, RUTH RUSS of NCASF secured Mrs. LIDIYA A. BAZYKIN, wife of the Counselor of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C., as a speaker at her club in NYC on 4/22/50. *Russian*

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Rerep Special Agent Robert F. Stevens, Jr.,
dated March 23, 1954.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject believed to be CPA member 1944-45. Active
in numerous CP front groups 1941-52.

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Subject is white and

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TITLE <i>juw</i> RUTH RUSS, wa <i>MRS Phillio Russ</i>			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

no Subject presently resides at 102 West 85th Street, NYC, and is a housewife.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE and EMPLOYMENT

T-1, of known reliability advised on March 18, 1954, that RUTH RUSS presently resides at 102 West 85th Street, New York City with her husband PHILLIP RUSS and is not employed, but is a housewife.

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T-1 Pretext Telephone call (con- cealed Investigative Technique)	Residence and employment	3/18/54	ROBERT F. STEVENS, SA	Instant Report

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will await Bureau approval to interview the subject.

REFERENCES

Bulet to New York, 10/27/53.
Summary Report, SA HUGH J. SMITH, 10/9/53, New York

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TITLE RUTH RUSS, wa			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

NO/
Subject employed Pottery of all Nations, Greenwich St. and Sheridan Ave., NYC. Subject interviewed 6/29/54, readily admitted affiliation and employed with the Russian War Relief; NCASF; NY Compass. Denied membership or sympathy for CP or CPA or affiliation with Congress of American Women or Thomas Jefferson Social Club. Subject could recall no one whom she could positively describe as a Communist. Subject based her affiliations with the above organizations on her profession as a promoter, which she has pursued the majority of her adult life.

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DETAILS:

Subject interviewed by SA JAMES J. JOHNSTON and the writer on June 29, 1954, at which time she related the following information pertaining to her present and past affiliations and employments:

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Employment

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New York City, New York

Affiliation with the Russian War Relief
National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

Subject related that she was employed by the Russian War Relief Organization in 1941 as Secretary and Organization Promotion until 1943, at which time she accepted a similar position with the Women's Committee of the NCASF, which she held until 1950 when it passed out of existence. Subject related that she accepted the position inasmuch as it offered her valuable experience in the promotion field with an acceptable salary.

Subject pointed out that at the time she accepted the position with the Russian War Relief and the NCASF the United States and Russia were allies and all efforts were being exerted to win the war and to her knowledge it was not until after she had left the employment of the NCASF that she became aware of the citation of the Attorney General of the organization being subversive.

Subject continued that as secretary in the Women's Committee of the NCASF she witnessed no political inter-change of ideas and considers its purpose merely for the exchange of cultural ideas and raising funds for the better understanding between the American and Russian people.

Subject explained that there were many transactions with officials of the Soviet Embassy by mail and in some instances in person but that this association was only for the delivery of works of art or pamphlets explaining the cultural advancement of the Russian people.

Pertaining to the enrollment in the NCASF, subject related that there were many prominent individuals

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of Republican and Democratic background, such as Mrs. LEWIS S. GIMBAL, JR. and Mrs. MARJORIE POST DAVIS, in addition to many others who were solely interested in working for the war effort.

In relating to the Attorney General's citation describing the NCASF as being subversive, subject declared that, although the United States undoubtedly has factual proof of its purpose, she herself could not with her knowledge of the Women's Committee, which was for all practical purposes separate and distinct from the National Council, find any reason for it being declared as such.

National Federation of Constitutional Liberties

Subject declared that she was employed for a short period of time in promotion work with this organization prior to her affiliation with the NCASF and remained with the Federation for only a short period of time due to the low salary.

Congress of American Women

Subject related she had knowledge of this organization's existence but was never a member or employed thereby.

Compass Club

Subject stated she became Chairman of the Compass Club after working for approximately one year as promotion manager. She continued her efforts in this organization were strictly in the promotion field for which she was hired.

Communist Party (CP)
Communist Political Association (CPA)
Thomas Jefferson Social Club

Subject was questioned exhaustively concerning the CP, CPA and the Thomas Jefferson Social Club membership to which she replied that she is not now or has she ever been a member or in sympathy with the CP in any form or manner.

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Subject related that all of her affiliations and activities with the above organizations were strictly on a professional employer - employee basis and any associations or friendships she may have inferred by her activities were solely in the performance of her duties to her employer.

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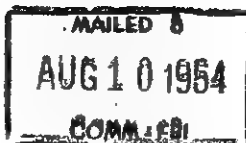
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Rerep SA Joseph J. MacFarlane dated July 28, 1954, at New York and your letter of the same date.

It appears inconceivable that the subject could have held the positions she held with the various Communist front organizations set forth in the rerep and at the same time not be aware of their Communist connections. It is, therefore, requested that the subject be thoroughly reinterviewed in an effort to determine her present sympathies. In this connection you should question the subject specifically concerning her activities and associates which have been previously reported. You should also request her to identify other members of these organizations. In addition to the above, you should attempt to obtain further background information including the subject's date and place of birth.

You should submit the results in report form and resubmit your recommendation concerning the preparation of a Security Index card.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-405511)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-75504) ✓

SUBJECT: RUTH RUSS, wa
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DATE: 7/28/54

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Enclosed herewith are 5 copies of the report of SA JOSEPH J. MAC FARLANE, New York, JUL 28 1954 setting forth the results of the interview of subject on 6/29/54.

Subject was approached by SAS JOSEPH J. MAC FARLANE and JAMES J. JOHNSTON, at which time she was advised of the identity and purpose of the interviewing agents to which she replied that she would be more than willing to answer any and all questions the Bureau may desire of her.

As will be noted in the enclosed report, subject readily admitted affiliation and employment with the Russian War Relief, the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF), New York Compass Club and the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties; however, she explained this affiliation as being strictly on an employer - employee relationship and that any associations or friendships she may have inferred by her activities were solely in the performance of her duties to her employer and were by no means meant to be construed as being in sympathy with the Communist movement.

It will also be noted that in relating her affiliation with the NCASF between 1941 and 1950, subject related that her employment and position was strictly with the Women's Committee of the NCASF and this she knew to be a separate and distinct organization from that of the National Council.

As will also be noted, the subject when questioned pertaining to the Communist Party, Communist Political Association and the Thomas Jefferson Social Club responded with a flat denial of membership or sympathy to these causes.

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Personal Observations

It was the opinion of the interviewing agents, this subject throughout the entire interview made a sincere effort to impress upon the agents that her affiliations with the organizations, mentioned above, were strictly on the employer - employee relationship and at no time during her employment with them was she aware that they were cited by the Attorney General or sponsored or controlled by the Communist elements in the United States.

Recommendation

In view of subject's willingness to discuss her past activities with the interviewing agents and furnishing plausible reasons for her affiliations with the various organizations, mentioned above, and in view of the lack of concrete information indicating Communist Party membership or direct sympathy except that which may be inferred through her activities and associations for her employer, it is recommended that this case be placed in a closed status and that no action be taken by the Bureau on the recommendation previously submitted on 10/9/53 recommending that she be placed on the security index.

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TITLE RUTH RUSS			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject was reinterviewed 8/20/54 and furnished substantially the same information pertaining to her affiliations, as previously reported. In addition, subject related that she has subsequently recalled that at one time she was asked to join the Congress of American Women and refused to do so. Subject born 2/22/05, NYC.

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DETAILS:

The subject was re-interviewed on August 20, 1954 by SAS JAMES J. JOHNSTON and JOSEPH J. MAC FARLANE at which time she furnished substantially the same information pertaining to her affiliations, as previously reported. However, it will be noted that in the course of this reinterview, the subject declared that subsequent to the initial interview, she recalled that on one occasion she was approached by an individual to join the Congress of American Women, which she refused to do.

In the course of the above interview, the subject declared that she was born on February 22, 1905 at New York City.

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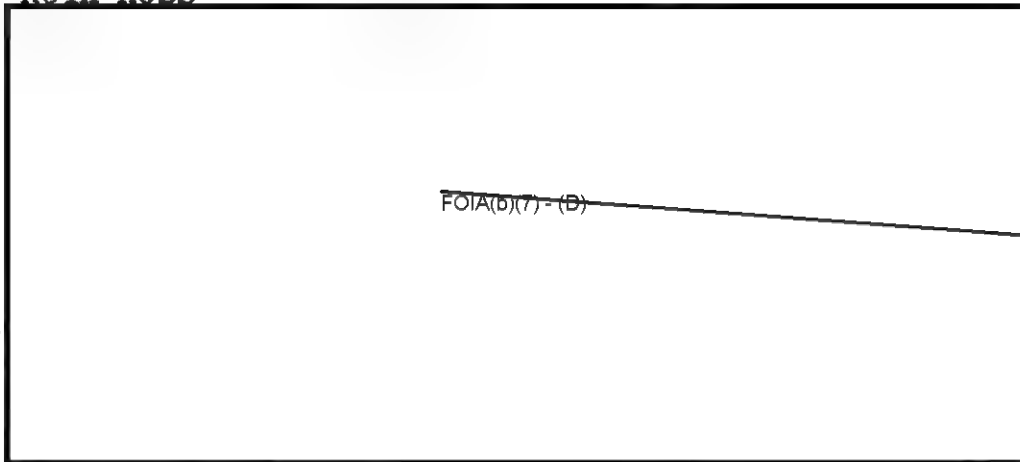
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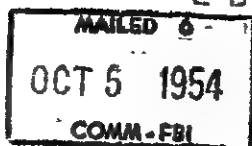


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TO : Director, FBI (100-405511)

DATE: SEP 21 1954

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Rebulet 8/10/54. Enclosed herewith are 5 copies of the report of SA JOSEPH J. MAC FARLANE, NY, dated SEP 21 1954 setting forth the results of the reinterview of the subject on 8/20/54, as contacted by SAS JAMES J. JOHNSTON and JOSEPH J. MAC FARLANE.

In the course of the reinterview, the subject was exhaustively queried as to her affiliations and associations in the various front groups with which she has had previous employment, in reply to which she furnished substantially the same information as previously submitted, plus additional information pertaining to the following organizations mentioned below:

Congress of American Women

The subject advised, subsequent to the previous interview, she had recalled that at one occasion MURIEL DRAPER, deceased, had invited her to join the Congress of American Women, but she refused to do so.

Women's Committee of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

The subject related that her immediate

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NY 100-95474 (COMPASS CLUBS)

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supervisor at the Women's Committee of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship was RICHARD M. MORFORD, who was Head of the Council and, to her knowledge, he was a former Presbyterian Minister and definitely not a Communist. NO LOC

Relating to the other members of the Council, the subject related that there were numerous individuals who joined the Women's Council whom she probably could recall if specifically queried about them. However, she pointed out, to recall these individuals at random, whom she has not seen over the past three to eight years, would be difficult and unreasonable to expect.

The subject agreed that, if in the future a name or a photo was presented to her, she would probably be able to affirm or deny their affiliations with the Women's Committee of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

The subject was queried as to the members of the Women's Committee who were also members of the National Council, to which she replied that, to her knowledge, only one individual was a member of both groups, namely, MURIEL DRAPER, deceased.

Russian War Relief

Relating to the Russian War Relief, the subject stated she was employed from September, 1940 to April, 1941, and it was ascertained that the subject's immediate supervisors were EDWARD C. CARTER and Miss MARGARET EVES. The subject related that, like the Women's Committee of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, she could not recall any of the other individuals who were affiliated with the group, due to the length of time that has elapsed. NO LOC

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Compass Clubs

The subject related that the Compass Clubs were the brain child of THEODORE THACKERY, Editor of the "New York Compass", who devised the plan to increase the interest and circulation of the paper by setting up small Compass Clubs throughout the country.

The subject related that these clubs were sponsored by the paper, "New York Compass" and consisted of approximately seven or ten individuals in a locality, who professed an interest in the paper and paid dues of \$1.00 per year for which they would in turn receive various reprint articles of interest, in addition to other literature pertaining to the arts, sciences, and politics.

The subject related that it was THACKERY'S hope to eventually attain national circulation by this means and to her knowledge, had no intent of inaugurating these clubs for purposes other than that stated.

Federation of Constitutional Liberties

The subject reiterated that she obtained employment with this organization through a professional employment agency, the name of which she could not recall, and was subsequently interviewed and supervised by GEORGE C. MARSHALL, who at no time professed an interest in her political beliefs, and was solely interested in her ability in the promotion lines. NO LOC

In the course of the discussions, as set out above, subject related that she is well aware of the Bureau's interest

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in the above mentioned organizations and declared that she would be willing to furnish all of the names of the individuals who were affiliated with these organizations if she could recall them; however, she explained that due to the length of time which has elapsed, it would be unreasonable to expect her to have them readily available in her memory.

The subject suggested that in the event she was furnished a photo or a name, she might possibly be able to recall whether they were or were not affiliated with any of the subject groups.

PERSONAL OBSERVATION

Although it appears inconceivable that the subject could have held the positions which she did with the various Communist front organizations and herself remain out of the Communist movement, it appears from this interview that the subject basically is a professional promotional secretary, who is extremely ambitious to make a name and a career for herself in the promotion field and would take any position available which would further her own ambitions in this line.

It appears in the course of the interview that the subject, herself, realized that she was in an unfavorable position, having held the positions which she did with the now cited organizations and although she has no desire to recall this unfavorable background, she would be willing in the future to identify an individual, either affirmatively or negatively as to whether or not they were associated with any of the groups she had been affiliated.

RECOMMENDATION

In view of the above, and inasmuch as it is the opinion of the interviewing agents that this subject

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was sincere and factual in describing her affiliations with the various front groups which she, herself, stated could possibly have been engaged in Communist activities, although she, herself, was never aware of it, and in view of her willingness in the future to document, if necessary, any persons or associations with any of the cited groups, if known to her, it is the opinion of this office that no additional investigation is warranted in this matter and this case will be placed in a closed status.

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The subject is a white female, born 2/22/05, NYC, currently resides at 102 W. 85th St. with her husband, PHILIP W. RUSS, and is employed at the Pottery of All Nations, Greenwich St. and Sheridan Ave., NYC. NY, NY

MRS PHILIP W. RUSS

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TO : Director, FBI (100-405511)

DATE: 1/3/55

FROM : SAC, New York

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-1469)

Date: 3/17/61

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-321)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM EDWIN BROWDER
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On 3/16/61, AUSA RICHARD GASEY, advised as follows:

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When available the testimony of the above individuals will be reviewed and the Bureau will be advised of any pertinent information, and at the same time AUSA CASEY will be requested to make a determination on further action regarding the above named individuals.

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On 3/15/61, Mrs. TUFFIAS, Personnel Department, Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, NY, advised that MARGARET BROWDER died in the above hospital on 3/7/61. She had no details concerning MARGARET BROWDER's death. The death will be verified and the Bureau will be advised.

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